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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
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NOTIFICATION
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POLICY FOR ADMISSION IN SCHOOLS OF EMINENCE OF PUNJAB

The Government of Punjab has launched the program of Schools of Eminence to transform Government schools into centers of excellent education. These schools with world-grade infrastructure aim to provide holistic education to students of Class 9th to 12th. Admission to 9th and 11th classes in Schools of Eminence for quality education will take place through a combined aptitude test and merit-based admission process to be undertaken by the SCERT, Punjab.

1.0 Admission session:

1.1 The online registration for admissions in SOE will be done in January-February for every the academic year.

1.2 The aptitude test will be conducted in the mid February to mid March for every the academic year at the specified centers.

2.0 Admission process:

2.1 75% of seats in each SoE will be reserved for students from government schools, including local body schools in Punjab. The remaining 25% of seats will be available for students studying in any other recognized schools in Punjab affiliated to PSEB, CBSE, ICSE, ISC, or any Open School board of Punjab State and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS); however, if seats reserved for the students from private

schools remain vacant or unfilled, those seats will be allotted to the students from government schools, including local body and government-aided schools in Punjab.

2.2 Online application forms for registration will be made available on the website of the Department of School Education, Punjab.

2.3 All students presently enrolled in classes 8th and 10th in Government, Government-aided, Private, and Local Body schools of Punjab shall be eligible to apply for admission to these schools. However, students already studying in class 10th in the School of Eminence (SOE) sections of SOE schools shall be granted automatic admission to Class 11th in their preferred streams. After accommodating such students, the remaining seats shall be allocated to other applicants based on their merit in the aptitude test and their preferred streams.

2.4 Students studying in any recognized school in a cluster will be eligible to apply to the School of Eminence of that particular cluster only.

2.5 Common aptitude tests will be conducted for admission in SOEs in classes 9th and 11th.

2.6 Reservation criteria for admission in SoE will be as per the guidelines of the Department of Welfare of Scheduled castes, Backward Class, and Minorities Govt. of Punjab as per the Punjab Scheduled Castes and Backward Castes (Reservation in Services) Act, 2006 (Punjab Act No. 22 of 2006).

2.7 The structure and syllabus for the aptitude test will be uploaded by the SCERT on the website.

2.8 The minimum qualifying marks for the admission (entrance/aptitude) test is 35% of the total (subjects) in all subjects, 35% in Reasoning, and 40% Marks in total (aggregate).

2.9 Students from the reserved categories will be eligible for a relaxation of 5% marks in the sectional and aggregate cutoff.

2.10 The syllabus for the aptitude tests is as recommended by the Punjab School Education Board Syllabus for Classes 8th and 10th. The structure and syllabus of the aptitude tests is attached at Annexure –I.

2.11 Students who did not pass their respective exams of classes 8th and 10th or got reappear/compartment in any subject will not be eligible for admission in the SoEs.

3.0 Selection criterion:

3.1 Once the aptitude tests are evaluated, class-wise, school-wise and category-wise merit lists of students will be released on the website for each of the SoE.

3.2 For class 11th, the students will be allotted their preferred streams based on their merit in the respective section in the aptitude test.

4.0 Eligibility for admission in SoE:

Students presently enrolled in Classes 8th and 10th shall be eligible to appear for the aptitude test for admission to Classes 9th and 11th, respectively. However, their

admission to the School of Eminence (SOE) shall be considered only if they have passed the previous class examination and qualified in the aptitude test.

In cases where the results of the Class 8th or Class 10th examinations are declared after the conduct of the aptitude test, students who have qualified the aptitude test and are included in the merit list shall be granted provisional admission. The final admission to Classes 9th and 11th shall be subject to the student having successfully passed the respective previous class examination.

5.0 Availability of seats and intake:

5.1 75% of seats are reserved for government school students & 25% seats are reserved for private school students.

5.2 In each SOE, there are 4 sections (i.e. Science (Non- Medical), Science (Medical), Commerce & Humanities) with 32 seats in each section for class 11th & one section with 36 seats for class 9th.

5.3 In each SOE school seats will be allotted as per roster given by SCERT.

5.4 There are total 118 SOE Schools in all 23 districts. (Annexure-II)

6.0 Migration:

Migration from one SoE to another SoE school shall generally not be permitted, except under special circumstances as verified by the concerned school principal and shall be subject to the availability of seat in the SOE school for which the migration is applied.

7.0 Closing of admission:

There will be three counseling sessions of the eligible candidates thereafter; admission to the SOE will be closed. If the seats are vacant, then the seats can be filled by schools through counseling up to the PSEB last dates of admission. There shall be no mid-term filling up of seats caused due to any reason whatsoever.

8. False documents:

The admission of any candidate found to have obtained based on false, forged, fabricated, or tampered documents shall be liable to be canceled at any stage, besides registering a criminal case against him/her and barring him/her from admission in the School of Eminence. In case of any dispute, the final decision will be taken by the Director SCERT, Punjab.

9.0 This policy is issued with the approval of the competent authority.

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Department of School Education

Chandigarh
The 9th April, 2026

Annexure -I

Structure of the Aptitude Test

1. Common aptitude tests will be conducted for admission in classes 9th and 11th. The Test will be based on the syllabus of classes 8th and 10th respectively. Tests will be conducted in bilingual i.e. **English and Punjabi** medium.

2. Format of the test -
   - There will be 150 questions for the class IX and XI aptitude tests.
   - Each question will have 1 mark.
   - The aptitude test duration will be 3 (three) hours.

Syllabus of the Aptitude Test

3. **The distribution of questions as per subject will be as under for the aptitude test of Class IX:**

Section	**Syllabus**	**Total no. of questions**	**Marks**
Language & Proficiency English: Hindi: Punjabi (10:10:10)	Reading comprehension and language ability based on the syllabus of grade 8 as recommended by the Punjab School Education Board	30	30
Science (Physics: Chemistry: Biology) (10:10:10)	Basic mathematics based on the syllabus of grade 8 as recommended by the Punjab School Education Board	30	30
Maths	Basic science based on the syllabus of grade 8 as recommended by the Punjab School Education Board	30	30
Social Science (Geography: History: Civics) (09:12:09)	Basic social science based on the syllabus of grade 8 as recommended by the Punjab School Education Board	30	30
Logical Reasoning	Visualize shapes and structures based on described dimensions. Demonstrate how shapes combine with each other by visualizing shapes, and forms. Reason with signs and shapes; to notice details in graphical presentations quickly. Demonstrate perception of the operating principles behind changes in pattern and use the evidence to find what would logically follow	15	15

Verbal Reasoning	Understand concepts hidden in words, with the ability to abstract or generalize beyond mere vocabulary recognition Demands a good level of vocabulary	15	15

4. The distribution of questions as per subject will be as under for the aptitude test of Class XI:

Section	**Syllabus**	**Total no. of questions**	**Marks**
Language & Proficiency English: Hindi: Punjabi (10:10:10)	Reading comprehension and language ability based on the syllabus of grade 10 as recommended by the Punjab School Education Board	30	30
Science (Physics: Chemistry: Biology) (10:10:10)	Basic mathematics based on the syllabus of grade 10 as recommended by the Punjab School Education Board	30	30
Maths	Basic science based on the syllabus of grade 10 as recommended by the Punjab School Education Board	30	30
Social Science (Geography: History: Civics: Economics) (09:09:06:06)	Basic social science based on the syllabus of grade 10 as recommended by the Punjab School Education Board	30	30
Logical Reasoning	Visualize shapes and structures based on described dimensions Demonstrate how shapes combine with each other by visualizing shapes, forms Reason with signs and shapes; to notice details in graphical presentations quickly Demonstrate perception of the operating principles behind changes in pattern and use the evidence to find what would logically follow	15	15
Verbal Reasoning	Understand concepts hidden in words, with the ability to abstract or generalize beyond mere vocabulary recognition Demands a good level of vocabulary	15	15

Annexure -II

List of 118 SoE Schools

S. No.	District	UDISE	School
1	AMRITSAR	3020803502	School of Eminence Chheharta, Amritsar. District Amritsar
2	AMRITSAR	3020800501	Saragarhi Memorial School of Eminence, Town Hall, Mall Mandi Amritsar, District Amritsar
3	AMRITSAR	3020404001	School of Eminence for Girls Jandiala Guru, District Amritsar
4	AMRITSAR	3020804403	School of Eminence for Girls, Mall Road Amritsar, District Amritsar
5	AMRITSAR	3020801809	Shaheed Gurmeet Singh School of Eminence for Girls Sultanwind, District Amritsar
6	AMRITSAR	3020804802	School of Eminence Karampura, District Amritsar
7	AMRITSAR	3020100103	School of Eminence Ajnala, District Amritsar
8	AMRITSAR	3020402502	School of Eminence Varpal Kalan, District Amritsar
9	BARNALA	3200106609	School of Eminence Barnala, District Barnala
10	BARNALA	3200305601	School of Eminence Bhadaur, District Barnala
11	BARNALA	3200202602	Shaheed Bibi Kiranjit Kaur Memorial School of Eminence Mehal Kalan, District Barnala
12	BATHINDA	3140800202	School of Eminence Bangi Kalan, District Bathinda
13	BATHINDA	3140109901	School of Eminence Kot Shamir, District Bathinda
14	BATHINDA	3140112501	Shaheed Sipahi Sandeep Singh School of Eminence Parasram Nagar Bathinda, District Bathinda
15	BATHINDA	3140303208	School of Eminence Ram Nagar, District Bathinda
16	BATHINDA	3140400402	School of Eminence Bhucho Kalan, District Bathinda
17	BATHINDA	3140504801	School of Eminence Mandi Phul Rampura, District Bathinda
18	FARIDKOT	3130104303	Balbir School of Eminence Faridkot, District Faridkot
19	FARIDKOT	3130207701	Dr. Hari Singh Sewak School of Eminence Kotkapura, District Faridkot
20	FARIDKOT	3130203604	Hsn School of Eminence Jaitu, District Faridkot
21	FATEHGARH SAHIB	3080110402	Mata Gujri School of Eminence Fatehgarh Sahib, District Fatehgarh Sahib

22	FATEHGARH SAHIB	3080200801	School of Eminence Amloh, District Fatehgarh Sahib
23	FATEHGARH SAHIB	3080508402	School of Eminence Khamano Kalan, District Fatehgarh Sahib
24	FAZILKA	3210500102	School of Eminence Arniwala Sheikh Subhan, District Fazilka
25	FAZILKA	3210312101	School of Eminence Fazilka, District Fazilka
26	FAZILKA	3210415904	School of Eminence Jalalabad (W) Fazilka, District Fazilka
27	FAZILKA	3210103704	School of Eminence Ramsara, District Fazilka
28	FEROZEPUR	3110717004	School of Eminence Ferozepur City, District Ferozepur
29	FEROZEPUR	3111018301	Shahid Sukhwinder Singh School of Eminence Mallanwala Khas, District Ferozepur
30	FEROZEPUR	3110604804	School of Eminence Mamdot Utar, District Ferozepur
31	FEROZEPUR	3110514901	School of Eminence, Guru Har Sahai, District Ferozepur
32	GURDASPUR	3010713831	School of Eminence Batala, District Gurdaspur
33	GURDASPUR	3010101003	School of Eminence Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur
34	GURDASPUR	3011503003	School of Eminence Shri Hargobindpur Sahib, District Gurdaspur
35	HOSHIARPUR	3051010401	School of Eminence Tanda, District Hoshiarpur
36	HOSHIARPUR	3050302801	School of Eminence Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur
37	HOSHIARPUR	3050419002	School of Eminence Purhiran, District Hoshiarpur
38	HOSHIARPUR	3050203201	School of Eminence Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur
39	HOSHIARPUR	3050414002	School of Eminence Baghpur Sataur Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur
40	JALANDHAR	3040408501	School of Eminence Adampur, District Jalandhar
41	JALANDHAR	3040113307	School of Eminence Model Town Jalandhar, District Jalandhar
42	JALANDHAR	3040811401	School of Eminence Phillaur, District Jalandhar
43	JALANDHAR	3040515401	School of Eminence Nakodar , District Jalandhar
44	JALANDHAR	3040215801	School of Eminence Kartarpur, District Jalandhar
45	JALANDHAR	3040113122	School of Eminence Bhargo Camp, District Jalandhar
46	JALANDHAR	3040111409	School of Eminence Ladowali Road Jalandhar, District Jalandhar
47	JALANDHAR	3040600602	School of Eminence Bajwa Kalan, District Jalandhar

48	JALANDHAR	3040112010	School of Eminence Maqsudan, District Jalandhar
49	KAPURTHALA	3030411603	School of Eminence Phagwara District Kapurthala
50	KAPURTHALA	3030208208	School of Eminence Kapurthala District Kapurthala
51	LUDHIANA	3090510608	School of Eminence Millerganj (Dholewal) Ludhiana, District Ludhiana
52	LUDHIANA	3090614604	School of Eminence Indrapuri Ludhiana, District Ludhiana
53	LUDHIANA	3090308402	School of Eminence Jagraon,District Ludhiana
54	LUDHIANA	3090506306	School of Eminence Mundian Kalan,District Ludhiana
55	LUDHIANA	3090502003	Shaheed Paramjeet Singh School of Eminence Gill, District Ludhiana
56	LUDHIANA	3090508603	School of Eminence Model Town Ludhiana, District Ludhiana
57	LUDHIANA	3090500305	School of Eminence Baddowal Cantt Ludhiana, District Ludhiana
58	LUDHIANA	3090615504	School of Eminence for Girls Division No.Three Ludhiana, District Ludhiana
59	LUDHIANA	3090509602	Shaheed-E-Azam Sukhdev Thapar School of Eminence for Girls Bharat Nagar Chowk Ludhiana, District Ludhiana
60	LUDHIANA	3090207301	School of Eminence Doraha, District Ludhiana
61	LUDHIANA	3090505308	School of Eminence Sahnewal, District Ludhiana
62	LUDHIANA	3090409502	Kishori Lal Jethi School of Eminence for Girls Khanna, District Ludhiana
63	LUDHIANA	3090901502	School of Eminence Dadhahur, District Ludhiana
64	LUDHIANA	3090508710	School of Eminence Jawahar Nagar Ludhiana, District Ludhiana
65	LUDHIANA	3090617713	School of Eminence Sekhewal, District Ludhiana
66	LUDHIANA	3091006303	School of Eminence Samrala, District Ludhiana
67	MALERKOTLA	3160709102	School of Eminence Bagrian, District Malerkotla
68	MALERKOTLA	3160100702	School of Eminence Sandaur, District Malerkotla
69	MANSA	3150201801	Shaheed Jagsir Singh School of Eminence Boha, District Mansa
70	MANSA	3150405402	School of Eminence Mansa, District Mansa
71	MANSA	3150504201	School of Eminence Sardulgarh, District Mansa
72	MOGA	3100207802	School of Eminence Kaila, District Moga
73	MOGA	3100503602	School of Eminence Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga
74	MOGA	3100105702	School of Eminence Bagha Purana, District Moga

75	MOGA	3100304502	School of Eminence Landhe Ke, District Moga
76	MUKTSAR	3120400104	School of Eminence for Girls Abul Khurana, District Muktsar
77	MUKTSAR	3120403204	School of Eminence Lambi, District Muktsar
78	MUKTSAR	3120109602	School of Eminence Bariwala District Shri Muktsar Sahib
79	PATHANKOT	3220905802	School of Eminence Bhoa, District Pathankot
80	PATHANKOT	3220900902	School of Eminence Pathankot, District Pathankot
81	PATIALA	3170513903	School of Eminence Pheelkhana Patiala, District Patiala
82	PATIALA	3170808703	Shaheed Flight Lt Mohit Kumar Garg School of Eminence Samana, District Patiala
83	PATIALA	3170402102	School of Eminence Bhadson, District Patiala
84	PATIALA	3170716202	School of Eminence Mohinderganj Rajpura, District Patiala
85	PATIALA	3170102402	School of Eminence Bhunerheri, District Patiala
86	PATIALA	3170607302	School of Eminence Ghagga, District Patiala
87	PATIALA	3170418903	School of Eminence Nabha, District Patiala
88	PATIALA	3170200602	School of Eminence Balbehra, District Patiala
89	PATIALA	3170306802	School of Eminence Mardanpur, District Patiala
90	PATIALA	3170410902	School of Eminence Mandaur, District Patiala
91	ROOPNAGAR	3070719801	School of Eminence Ropar, District Roopnagar
92	ROOPNAGAR	3070114602	School of Eminence Nangal, District Roopnagar
93	ROOPNAGAR	3070107303	School of Eminence Kiratpur Sahib, District Roopnagar
94	ROOPNAGAR	3070500602	School of Eminence Morinda, District Roopnagar
95	ROOPNAGAR	3070202603	School of Eminence for Girls Sri Chamkaur Sahib, District Roopnagar
96	SANGRUR	3161205303	Shaheed Udham Singh School of Eminence, Sunam Udham Singh Wala, District Sangrur
97	SANGRUR	3161200405	School of Eminence Chhajli, District Sangrur
98	SANGRUR	3160906003	Savtantarta Sangrami Jathedar Kartar Singh Darvesh School of Eminence Sangrur, District Sangrur
99	SANGRUR	3161102003	School of Eminence Ghanauri Kalan, District Sangrur
100	SANGRUR	3160701103	Sepoy Jaswant Singh School of Eminence Bhasour, District Sangrur
101	SANGRUR	3161305702	Comrade Bhim Singh School of Eminence Dirba, District Sangrur

102	SANGRUR	3160900102	Shaheed Bhai Mati Dass School of Eminence Longowal, District Sangrur
103	SANGRUR	3160603202	School of Eminence Lehragaga, District Sangrur
104	SAS NAGAR	3180114702	Gurnam Singh Saini School of Eminence Derabassi, District SAS Nagar
105	SAS NAGAR	3180212502	School of Eminence 3B1 Mohali, District SAS Nagar
106	SAS NAGAR	3180217803	School of Eminence Kharar, District SAS Nagar
107	SAS NAGAR	3180220802	School of Eminence Banur, District SAS Nagar
108	SAS NAGAR	3180210404	M L Puri School of Eminence Mullanpur Garibdass, District SAS Nagar
109	SAS NAGAR	3180200802	School of Eminence Bakarpur, District SAS Nagar
110	SAS NAGAR	3180212302	School of Eminence Phase-XI, District SAS Nagar
111	SBS NAGAR	3060411801	School of Eminence Nawanshahr, District SBS Nagar
112	SBS NAGAR	3060213701	School of Eminence Mehandipur, District SBS Nagar
113	SBS NAGAR	3060310901	School of Eminence Banga, District SBS Nagar
114	TARN TARAN	3190404203	School of Eminence Khadur Sahib, District Tarn Taran
115	TARN TARAN	3190101404	School of Eminence Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran
116	TARN TARAN	3190403103	School of Eminence Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran
117	TARN TARAN	3190607402	School of Eminence Patti, District Tarn Taran
118	TARN TARAN	3190709101	School of Eminence Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran

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